

Social Security helps not only older Americans, but workers who become disabled and families in which a spouse or parent dies, as well. Today, about 164 million people work and pay Social Security taxes, and about 50 million people receive monthly Social Security benefits. The current Social Security system works by employees paying taxes into Social Security, and that money being paid to:

- People who have already retired
- People who are disabled
- Survivors of workers who have died
- Dependents of beneficiaries

Frequently Asked Questions:

- [How can I find my local SSA office?](#)
- [How can I get a new or replacement card?](#)
- [I am about to retire. How do I apply for me retirement Benefits?](#)
- [How can I apply for disability benefits?](#)
- [What is the difference between SSI and SSD?](#)
- [My application for disability benefits was denied. How can I file an appeal?](#)
- [How can I get help with the cost of my Medicare Part D prescriptions?](#)
- [How can I report Identity Theft?](#)

Additional Resources:

- [Understanding the Benefits](#)
- [Estimate Your Retirement Benefits](#)
- [Disability Benefits](#)
- [Benefits for Children with Disabilities](#)
- [What you need to know when you get SSI](#)
- [What you need to know when you get Retirement or Survivors Benefits](#)
- [The Appeals Process](#)
- [Overpayments](#)
- [Federal Disability Information](#)
- [Publicaciones electrónicas en Español](#)